This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing functionality of a consumer device comprising:

accessing a second state of a controller, the second state being established using bio-metric input of a second user;

receiving bio-metric input of a first user into a bio-metric user-identification input component of the controller;

establishing a system state of the controller, the system state being a previous used state by the first user or a state similar to the previous used state; and

providing access to functionality of the system state of a consumer device using the controller by the first user.

Claim 2-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the previous used state of the first user comprises one of a screen last viewed, time of day or night the first user logged-on or logged-off, a content data displayed, a selection made, and a navigation history used.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the system state is established by incorporating algorithms in the controller upon re-logging-in of the first user.

Claim 15-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) A controller comprising:

a bio-metric input component; and

a graphical display;

wherein the controller, upon log-on by a first user, is programmed to enter a previous used state by the first user or a state similar to the previous used state by the first user,

wherein said log-on occurs in response to the first user inputting bio-metric input into the bio-metric input component.

Claim 18-26 (Cancelled)

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) A method of accessing functionality of a consumer device comprising:

determining an identity of a first user in response to bio-metric input supplied by the first user to a controller;

providing access to a first set of functionality of a consumer device by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon the identity of the first user; and

switching to a second system state [from the first system state] at a time calculated by an algorithm which incorporates at least one factor other than the passage of a certain amount of time.

Claim 28-32 (Cancelled)

Claim 33. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the at least one factor is the an identity of the first user.

Claim 34. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the at least one factor is a category of use associated with the consumer device.

Claim 35. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the at least one factor is a subject matter of activity within a category of use associated with the consumer device.

Claim 36-44 (Cancelled)

Claim 45. (Currently Amendment) A method of controlling multi-user access to functionality of a consumer device comprising:

defining a group user, said group user including a first user and a second user;

establishing a group user state in response to a first bio-metric input ~~and~~ or a second bio-metric input from said first and second users respectively; and

modifying the group user state in response to another input by said first user or second user.

Claim 46-66 (Cancelled)

Claim 67. (NEW) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of establishing a system state of the controller further comprises:

accessing data representing said first user's previous use states; and

accessing user profile data representing said first user's preferences.

Claim 68. (NEW) The method of claim 67 further comprising enabling said first user to switch to another user profile.

Claim 69. (NEW) The method of claim 33 wherein said identity of said first user comprises said first user's profile and said first user's previous use patterns.

Claim 70. (NEW)   The method of claim 27, wherein the at least one factor is a present time of day or night.